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Lizanne Castillo

Subject: North school development

-----Original Message-----

From: tony higgins [<mailto:tony.higgins123@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 11:35 AM

To: City Clerk <cityclerk@hermosabch.org>; City Council <citycouncil@hermosabch.org>; mayor@hermosabch.org

Subject: North school development

My deepest apology the last msg didn't include the text... Here it is:

At the north school project meeting on March 6 a small but well organized group of residents are upset with school plan and want to see the main buildings of the school placed on the existing open space (the sand dune) and main access provided via valley drive and valley park. Their spokesperson even suggested developing the athletic field instead of implementing the measure s approved developments within the current fenced perimeter of the north school site.

I recently read on patch.com that in 1958 the school board agreed to give up the land west of the schools current fenced perimeter in a land exchange to the parks and recreation department.

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/patch.com/california/hermosabeach/amp/2789732/landmark-hermosa-north-school>

Is this correct?

I would like information from the clerk on the the above mentioned land exchange (if it ever occurred) and also any information the purpose of the sand dune and athletic field land I was also told was donated to school district.

I attended north school and know this property was used by 5th and 6th grade students at lunch hour and during PE periods and was told the land was donated to the school district for this purpose and for the common use of residents during non school hours. This was because there was only a small cement play area available to the 4th, 5th and 6th grade students.

What is the truth regarding this properties status and intended use?

How are the sand dunes athletic field zoned?

Is there any chance the city would rezone the sand dunes or athletic field for development in deference to a small group of Activists and at the expense of children young adult and seniors if in fact there is adequate space for the north school development within the existing fenced perimeter of north school?

Valley park and the open spaces that include the athletic field and the sand dune are a community gem. A rarity where I don't think there has been a serious violent crime since it was opened in 1923.

Valley Park and the open spaces deserve the cities protection. I don't think anyone who supported measure S would have done so if they thought the school development would unnecessary extend beyond the current fenced perimeter of the property.

Finally (for city council) this same activist group wants to see the main school access and student drop off moved to valley drive not 25th street as currently planned. This would further load on the already substantially overloaded and somewhat dangerous Valley/Gould intersection.

Note that the city recently placed flashing stop signs at this intersection in response to dangers this intersection posed to pedestrians.

Moreover the morning backup at school opening time at the Valley/Gould intersection commonly already extends 50 yards or more and sometime all the way from valley drive to Morningside drive (almost 200 yards).

I believe a responsible city must find a way to use underutilized streets for school access and student drop off and not unnecessarily exacerbate the already difficult overcrowding on Gould and Valley further inconveniencing so many at rush hour in deference to a small group of citizens that don't want 30 minutes of moderate traffic in their similar to what occurs at valley view and valley vista already..

I certainly hope the city will not approve alternative drop off points that would exacerbate the already difficult traffic areas without an overwhelming reason to do so.

Anthony Higgins